

Earle D. Pearce House
225-227 Benefit Street
Providence
Providence County
Rhode Island

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Historic American Buildings Survey
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Eastern Office, Division of Design and Construction
143 South Third Street
Philadelphia 6, Pennsylvania

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Address: 225-227 Benefit Street, Providence, Providence
County, Rhode Island.

Brief Statement This was a large brick, double house, built before
of Significance: 1836, demolished in 1959. It was similar in appear-
ance to several other blocks of row houses in the
same area. It was three stories high, each half
four bays wide, with a low pitched hip roof with
a low monitor.

PART I. HISTORICAL INFORMATION

A. Physical History

1. Original and subsequent owners:

- 1819 James Fenner sells lot (bounded W Benefit, N
Richard Waterman, E Nathan Waterman, S N. Bowen)
to Richard Waterman. South half of house built
about this time.
- 1825 Lot owned by Earle D. Pearce...Title searches in
Providence City Hall by the Rhode Island Title
Guarantee.
- 1836 Earle D. Pearce will, leaves DOUBLE BRICK HOUSE
to wife Lydia.
- 1876 Lydia Pearce died.
- 1879 Edward Pearce to daughter Lydia Pearce Mitchell
"a certain lot of land with a brick dwelling
thereon with wall dividing the house hereby con-
veyed from the brick house now occupied by
John R. Bartlett (Bartlett in #225)...Title
searches in Providence City Hall by the Rhode
Island Title Guarantee.
- 1921 Lydia Pearce Mitchell to Handcraft Club (#227)...
Title searches in Providence City Hall by the Rhode
Island Title Guarantee, and to Rhode Island College
of Pharmacy (#225)...Title searches in Providence
City Hall by the Rhode Island Title Guarantee.

- 1925 Handicraft Club to Mrs. Henry C. Clark (#227)
...Title searches in Providence City Hall by
the Rhode Island Title Guarantee.
 - 1929 Mrs. Henry Clark to Girl Scouts (#227)...Title
searches in Providence City Hall by the Rhode
Island Title Guarantee.
 - 1956 Rhode Island College of Pharmacy to Rhode Island
School of Design (#225). #227 owned by State of
Rhode Island. Sold to Rhode Island School of
Design.
 - 1959 Rhode Island School of Design demolished house.
2. Date of erection: Before 1836.

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